

DEBATE OF THE WEEK

A Longer School Year?

President Barack Obama recently stated that he would like the school year to be extended by a month. Obama says the extra time could help prevent students from forgetting in the summer what they learned during the school year. But some people say that kids need the summer break to relax and spend time with family. What do you think? Should the school year be a month longer?



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Maryland

Yes

I think that you would learn a lot more by spending the extra time in school. Maybe if they had school in session during the summer, there could be half days. That way, kids could still enjoy their favorite parts of summer while also learning in the mornings.



KATELYN KINKEAD
Colorado

No

The school year should not be longer, because students already work really hard and do hours of homework every night. We need a long break in the summer. The summer is for spending time with family. I love to hang out and relax in the summer.

STICKY SITUATION

Ryan is the only boy on his school's cheerleading squad. He really enjoys it, but a group of boys has begun teasing him. They think boys should not be cheerleaders. Ryan wants the boys to stop teasing him because it makes him feel bad. What should Ryan do?

Write About It!

Write a paragraph explaining what you think Ryan should do.



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BOOK REVIEW

Shoot-Out (a Comeback Kids novel)

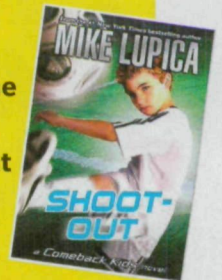
Do you love soccer? Jake, the star of **Shoot-Out (a Comeback Kids novel)** by Mike Lupica, sure does.

Jake is 12 years old and he was a star soccer player at his school in his old town.

When his family moves, Jake gets stuck with a losing team at his new school. He also doesn't get along with one of his teammates. Jake has to learn how to lose.

Will Jake quit the game he loves? Read the book to find out!

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